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## **State Officials Unveil Reconstructed Bradley Palmer Wading Pool in Topsfield**

**Topsfield- Monday, August 10, 2015-** Today, Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner (DCR) Carol Sanchez joined with local officials at a ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil the reconstructed Bradley Palmer Wading Pool in Topsfield. As part of the DCR initiative to improve and modernize pools statewide, \$2.7 million was invested in the Bradley Palmer Wading Pool to modernize the mechanical systems and ensure universal access for all visitors.

"The Bradley Palmer Wading Pool reconstruction is a testament to the commitment of DCR to modernizing its pools and facilities so that all visitors can enjoy," **said EEA Secretary Matthew Beaton.** "The improvements made to this facility complement DCR's dual role among environmental agencies – providing unparalleled recreational opportunities while promoting conservation statewide. The Bradley Palmer Wading Pool is now universally accessible and its new mechanical systems require less water to operate."

The pool complex has a spray deck feature allowing the pool to operate longer into the season. The wading pool has a zero depth entry on one side, and an integrated concrete bench in the water on the other side. It also features a state-of-the art filtration system that includes an ultra-violet disinfection system. These improvements reflect the latest technology in aquatic design.

"For decades, families on the North Shore have come to the Bradley Palmer Wading Pool as a source for safe, fun recreation during the summer months," **said DCR Commissioner Carol Sanchez.** "DCR is committed to continually improving our pools and facilities statewide so that all Massachusetts residents can enjoy facilities as modern and welcoming as the new Bradley Palmer Wading Pool."

In addition to installing a brand new mechanical system and features that ensure universal access, other improvements include:

- Require less water to operate, increasing water conservancy and reducing operating costs
- Additional seating
- New rinsing stations
- New drinking fountain
- Improved changing rooms
- New contact station
- Additional handicapped parking spaces

"The wading pool at Bradley Palmer State Park is an important and appreciated resource for kids and families in our region, and now it should be available to them for years to come," **said Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester).** "Thanks to the DCR and the Baker Administration for investing in something that contributes significantly to the quality of life for our part of the commonwealth."

"Bradley Palmer State Park is a great destination for outdoor enjoyment of all kinds, especially in the summertime, and I thank the Department for making these investments to improve the wading pool and the Park's amenities," **said State Senator Joan Lovely (D-Salem).** "I know that residents and visitors will enjoy this recreational space for years to come."

“The Bradley Palmer Wading Pool is an invaluable resource to the residents of Topsfield and the surrounding communities,” **said State Representative Brad Hill (R-Ipswich)**. “I commend DCR for taking the steps to ensure that the pool is modernized and universally accessible to all visitors for decades to come.”

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*The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways. Led by Commissioner Carol Sanchez, the agency’s mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr). Contact us at [mass.parks@state.ma.us](mailto:mass.parks@state.ma.us).*

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